IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Application of:	
Frank VITZTHUM		Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 10/587,831		Examiner: Robert Thomas Crow
Filed:	July 28, 2006	
For:	TEST SYSTEM AND METHOD) FOR THE DETECTION OF) ANALYTES	Confirmation No.: 6928

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2009 ("Office Action"). A response is due by November 21, 2009, with the accompanying petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings appear on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin following the claim amendments.

Attachment: First page of DE 10 2004 004 882.7.